

**APPENDIX A**  
**"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)**

**SPECIFICATION:**

**Paragraph at page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 11:**

The nonreciprocal circuit device and the communication apparatus according to the present invention are not restricted to the above embodiments. Various modifications and changes can be made without departing the scope and spirit of the invention. For example, in the isolator 41 of the first embodiment, it may not be necessary to dispose the gap 45 at the center of the top surface of the metal case 42. The gap 45 may be disposed in a position deviated from the center as shown in Figs. 11A and 11B. In addition, as shown in Fig. 12, in a modification of the conventional isolator 11 (compare with Fig. 15), one of the edges of parts at which the upper case unit 15 and the lower case unit 12 are close to each other may be bonded with an insulating material 70 instead of a solder 18 to form a gap 71. When the edges of both parts are bonded with the insulating material, the direct current magnetic field of the central electrode assembly 14 is excessively reduced.

**CLAIMS:**

**Claim 1 (amended):** A nonreciprocal circuit device comprising:  
a permanent magnet;  
a ferrite member which is arranged to receive a direct current magnetic field applied by the permanent magnet, said ferrite member including a plurality of central electrodes; and  
a metal case containing the permanent magnet, the ferrite member, and the plurality of central electrodes;  
wherein the metal case has a gap containing a solid insulating material for cutting off a loop current flowing around the ferrite member and the plurality of central electrodes.

**Claim 4 (amended):** A nonreciprocal circuit device according to Claim 1, wherein the metal case is 180° rotation-symmetrical with respect to the axis of the permanent magnet.